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CHECKING IN | 057 PHOTOGRAPHY: LEO FABRIZIO WRITER: LUCINDA AGAR RICCIONI Swing estate Well-aimed design makes this Tuscan golf resort above par

The new Argentario Golf Resort & Spa in Tuscany attempts to reinvent the traditional country sporting hotel. Externally, it is atypically understated. But once in the main hall, the full extent of owner Augusto Orsini and Interior designer Andrea Fogli's vision is clear. This is where Gehry and New York Industrial meet Big-Game plywood deer trophies to create a distinctively contemporary take on Tuscan luxury. The Damadama restaurant offers organic local produce with classic Tuscan origins, revisited by dynamic young chef Emiliano Lomardeli. There are seven suites with stunning sea or pool views and 66 junior suites on three floors with golf course views. The Gallery suite, featuring a country setting, will appeal to design lovers, thanks to chrome antiers in the bathroom, resin floors, vintage furniture and a calm white bedroom overlooking olive trees on the terrace. * Via Acquedotto Leopoldino, 58018 Porto Ercole, Italy, tel: 39.05 6481 0292, www.argentariogolfresortspa.it. Rates: from €250



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Above, encircled by cork forests and olive trees, the resort has been cut into the hillside

Left, the interior is sleek yet relaxed, with large windows and private terraces providing plenty of opportunities to take in the tranquil surrounding landscape